

Boer's May Form New Republic

Racial Longing Brought to Front Again By Politicians.

London, March 10.—Parliamentary elections being held today in the Union of South Africa will, it is believed, decide the fate of the government held by Jan Christian Smuts, which is contending against strong Dutch nationalist elements, aided by the Labor Party. The result may decide whether Cape Colony, the Transvaal, Orange, Free State, and Natal are to continue British or are to form a South African Dutch republic under its own flag and with an elected president.

Anti-imperial wings have recently been strengthened by being joined by many who were influenced by charges that Yorkshire spinners have been profiteering at the expense of South African wool growers. The high cost of living has also been a campaign issue, and the racial longing of the Boers to be rid of British domination has been brought to the front by politicians.

South Africa is valuable to Great Britain because of its gold fields and its position as a base for the sea route to India. It is believed will meet with strong opposition from the British government.

TO SHIP SEED POTATOES FIRST

The lowly potato that a few years ago sold for 20 cents a bushel is now bringing from \$3.75 to \$4 a bushel. The prospects of a drop in the near future are very slim, according to Clark & Rogers, the wholesale produce men on Water street.

The northern shippers, who have abundant supplies, have been prevented by the extreme cold weather of the past few months from shipping the tubers to market as the chances are that they would be frozen on arrival.

Mr. Clark says that he has received reliable information from Maine that there is still in stock there over one-third of last year's crop and shipping will begin again as soon as the weather moderates. A large part of the potatoes on hand will be used for seed purposes and very few that are destined for table use will come through until the shippers finish selling seed potatoes. He does not look for any drop in price until after the demand for seed has been filled.

The new crop of southern potatoes is very late in coming and the price is so high that no one in this city can afford to handle them. They are now selling at 25 cents a bushel, wholesale, which would mean \$9 a bushel or \$2.25 a peck.

In former years the potatoes from Bermuda and Cuba came into the market in February in such quantities that they affected the price of the old stock but, for some months ago, killed a lot of vines in the potato producing states and this year there has been a very short crop.

From a survey of the market conditions Mr. Clark does not look for a drop in price until the potatoes from the southern states begin to arrive in quantities, and that will not be until the latter part of May.

DRINK RENDERS MAN SENSELESS

John Koteles, 38, of 306 Pine street, was found unconscious in his room early this morning suffering from the effects of something that he had been drinking. A hurry call was sent in for the Emergency ambulance and Dr. B. J. Coyne responded. The doctor's efforts to revive the man were not successful and he removed him to St. Vincent's hospital. On the way there Koteles was seized three times with convulsions but application of a stomach pump at the hospital seemed to bring relief.

No analysis has been made of the contents of Koteles' stomach and so far he has not regained sufficient consciousness to tell the authorities just what it was he drank that caused his near death.

SENATOR EDGE SAYS HE WANTS TO BE DELEGATE

Washington, March 10.—United States Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey today announced his candidacy for delegate-at-large to the Republican National convention. He declared he was not pledged or committed to any aspirant for the Presidential nomination but would support the nomination of the candidate chosen by the New Jersey Republicans at the Presidential preferential primary next month. His action is in accord with a recent declaration of the New Jersey Republican State Committee that the two United States Senators from that state, Edge and Frelinghuysen, should be delegates-at-large.

SENATOR BLOCH REACHES CHARLESTON

Charleston, W. Va., March 10.—State Senator Jesse A. Bloch of West Virginia completed his 3,000 mile hurried trip across the continent from California to Charleston early this morning in order to vote on the Federal Suffrage amendment in the Senate of the West Virginia legislature. Senate forces favoring the amendment anticipated immediate action upon the amendment but would support for the amendment and with Senator Bloch's vote hoped to break the deadlock which has existed between pro and anti-suffrage forces since the special session of the legislature was called.

Berlin, March 10.—The Imperial government has issued a proclamation signed by Premier Bauer condemning attacks on members of entente missions. It declares that the minister of defense will act with the greatest severity in punishing excesses.

Forgot To Bring Notes To Court

SISTER-IN-LAW BORED HOLES IN WALL TO WATCH MRS. KUPFER—ACTIONS WERE SUSPICIOUS.

That she bored a hole in the wall between two houses in order to watch her sister-in-law, was the testimony of Mrs. Catherine Park this afternoon in the Superior Court when she appeared as a witness in the divorce action brought by Walker S. Kupfer of 804 Lafayette street, against Ruth Baker Kupfer of this city. Mrs. Park said she watched Mrs. Kupfer from March 14, 1919, to May 23, 1919.

The witness declared Mrs. Kupfer went out almost every afternoon and put on her best clothes before her departure. The witness suspected Mrs. Kupfer went out to meet a man because she always put on silk stockings for these occasions. When she went out with her husband she wore cotton stockings, the witness declared. Mrs. Park said she made copious notes of Mrs. Kupfer's actions but she forgot to bring them to court.

Mrs. Park told of a conversation she overheard between Kupfer and his wife when they decided to separate last year. Mrs. Kupfer admitted she had been with other men, the witness said, but the wife acknowledged Kupfer had always been faithful to her.

Another sister of Kupfer told of an attempt to commit suicide made by Mrs. Kupfer last summer. She said Mrs. Kupfer visited her home on a very hot day. Mrs. Kupfer said she wanted to get a drink of water and she poured something from a bottle into the glass. Then Mrs. Kupfer declared she drank poison. Mrs. Park testified that she summoned a physician and that he saved Mrs. Kupfer's life.

Another witness testified she had a conversation with Mrs. Kupfer last June or July at which time the defendant said she was afraid to talk over the telephone from her own home because the telephone wires were tapped.

A crowded courtroom listened to the testimony this morning and heard many disputes between counsel in the case. Attorneys Edward J. McManus and Jacob E. Klein represent Mrs. Kupfer. Judge Carl Foster and Attorney Ralph T. Beers appear for Kupfer. The trial was resumed this afternoon.

Bradford, R. I., March 10.—A band of car thieves, nine or ten in number, trapped in a box car on a siding here by Special Agent Green of the New Haven road, who had discovered them while they were in the act of looting the car, had their escape by blowing out one end of the car with automatic revolvers after Agent Green had succeeded in capturing one of the men. Early last evening Agent Green discovered that one of the doors of the car, which had been entered, was still open. Suspecting burglary, he remained in hiding nearby and was rewarded by seeing the robbers return.

One of the men came from the car with a bag of plunder and was caught and handcuffed by Agent Green, who succeeded in closing the door of the car and locking the remainder of the party inside. Taking his prisoner into town Green went in search of help and during his absence the trapped bandits blew out the end of the car and escaped. Word was sent to New London and a posse of railroad detectives was hurried to Bradford in an effort to round up the band. The man captured last night is now in custody in a cell in which he has disclosed the names of his confederates.

Bradford is about four miles from Westerly, R. I.

SALE PASHA HAS FORMED NEW CABINET

Constantinople, March 10.—Sale Pasha, the new grand vizier has announced, with the Sultan's approval, the formation of a new cabinet, the eighth since the armistice. Diplomats in this city attach little importance to the changes made, considering the cabinet to be virtually powerless to oppose the national group in the chamber, which is directed by Mustafa Kemal from Ankara.

Only three new members were appointed to the cabinet. They are Djelal Bey, president of the council of state; Zia Bey, Minister of Commerce, and Omar Houlousse Bey, Minister of Finance. The ministers of finance and justice were not appointed, while Sale Pasha will be minister of the navy in addition to grand vizier.

COAL MINERS DECLARE FOR GENERAL STRIKE

London, March 10.—The National Conference of Coal Miners at its session today declared in favor of a general strike as a means of enforcing the demand for the nationalization of the mines.

The decision of the miners' body will be referred to the special trades union congress which meets tomorrow and parts of the enforcement of the demand have been expressed by leaders give rise to the expectation that this body will decide on the question of constitutional means for achieving the end desired, instead of a resort to direct action.

TO HAVE PEACE TIME ARMY OF 289,000 MEN

Washington, March 10.—An authorized peace army of 289,000 enlisted men and 17,820 officers was approved today by the House which by a vote of 79 to 35 refused to amend the army reorganization bill so as to fix the maximum strength at 226,000 men and 14,200 officers.

VALIDITY OF AMENDMENT UP TO COURT

Washington, March 10.—Determination of the validity of the prohibition amendment and parts of the enforcement act now rests with the supreme court. Arguments were completed today in appeals brought by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Co., following the presidential election yesterday of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts cases. A decision by the court is expected by the court officials before adjournment early in June.

DELEGATION SOLID FOR WOOD

Manchester, N. H., March 10.—Be-lated returns from yesterday's presidential primaries were coming in today. They were from small towns and did not add greatly to last night's totals which showed a solid Republican delegation pledged to General Wood, and a Democratic delegation generally regarded as favorable to the candidacy of Herbert Hoover and including three district delegates pledged for him.

ARTICLE X ON WHICH PACT HANGS

Washington, March 10.—Here is Article X on which the fate of the League of Nations is suspended—just two sentences set in the midst of an 80,000 word document:

"The members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

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350,000 MEN APT TO STRIKE

New York, March 10.—Possibility of a general strike of 350,000 union men in New York city if relief is not provided immediately against profiteering landlords and other high costs of living was up for consideration at a conference here today between Mayor Hylan and Edward L. Hannah and Ernest Bohm, president and secretary respectively of the Central Federated Union. The threat to recommend the strike was made recently by the Central Union, the officials of which asked the mayor to support a bill designed to check profiteering in rents.

COLEMAN IS FINED \$5 FOR AN ASSAULT

Arrested this morning after a fight in which he is said to have struck James C. Denny, colored, of South avenue, on the side of the head with a pitchfork and his fist, James H. Coleman of 534 Howard avenue, was arraigned in the City Court, charged with assault. Coleman admitted his guilt, and was fined \$5 and costs. Both men are employed by Christopher Rickard, and it was in Rickard's barn in Howard avenue that the argument took place this morning.

AUTO THIEVES ENTER RESTAURANT AND GET \$50,000

Canton, O., March 10.—Three men were wounded in an exchange of shots when five armed automobile bandits held up the restaurant of Steve Boldi, Columbia Heights, Mass., this morning, and escaped with \$50,000 cash.

More than a score of shots were said to have been fired. The wounded are two waiters and one of the bandit gang who was carried away by his comrades. When the five men entered the restaurant and demanded the money the waiters seized revolvers and opened fire. Boldi had drawn the \$50,000 from the bank preparatory to cashing checks for steel workers today.

VOTE TO FINISH SATE BATH HOUSE COST OF \$40,000

Hartford, Conn., March 10.—The State Park Commission yesterday voted to complete the state bath house in Hammonasset Beach, Conn., at an outlay of \$40,000. The structure will be ready for use soon after June 1.

Hammonasset Beach is the only portion of the Long Island Sound shore which the State of Connecticut has been able to obtain for a public beach. The bath house to stand on it will be permanent in character and will be the place to which automobile bathers will go in summer for shore bathing in making a tour of the state parks and reservations which are being set aside and developed by the commission.

WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FREED

El Paso, Texas, March 10.—Joseph Williams of El Paso, an employee of the American Smelting and Refining Co., captured and held for ransom by Francisco Villa when the bandit wrecked a train on the Mexican Central Railroad Thursday last, had been freed, according to a telegram from Williams to his employers received today.

STREET CAR SYSTEM TIED UP

Atlanta, Ga., March 10.—Atlanta's street car system was tied up today by a strike of motormen and conductors who voted to walk out because of dissatisfaction with the wage award made by a board of arbitration last night. The men said the fifteen per cent increase granted them did not bring their wages to the level of the cost of living.

Pershing's Route While City's Guest

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2,500,000 Tons of Shipping Lost Needlessly.

Washington, March 10.—Failure of the Navy Department to fully cooperate in the war during the first six months after America's entry cost half a million lives, 15 billions of dollars, 2,500,000 tons of shipping and prevented a victory over Germany by July, 1918, Rear Admiral Sims told the Senate investigating committee today in presenting documentary evidence in support of his charges of delay against the department.

The official read to the committee recommendations he has made to the department immediately upon his arrival in London in 1917. A cablegram sent late in April, 1917, said the critical area where the war would be won or lost was in the eastern Atlantic at the focus of all lines of ocean communication to England and France.

Admiral Sims told the committee that although he repeatedly urged that every destroyer and small craft that could be sent to sea be despatched immediately to this area his recommendation was not complied with until about six months later.

He also recommended, he said, that two divisions of the American dreadnoughts be sent to the Biscay Coast to guard against raids in the English Channel by German cruiser forces, but this recommendation was entirely disregarded.

Failure of the department to throw the full force of the navy into the struggle, he said, resulted in the unnecessary loss of 1,500,000 tons of shipping by submarine attack in 1917 and 1,000,000 tons in 1918.

"If the damage lost in 1917 had been saved by the prompt cooperation of the navy," he said, "America could have had a million men in France at the beginning of 1918 instead of 300,000."

Admiral Sims said the German offensive of 1918 was due to the failure of the German submarine campaign and that in all probability it never would have been undertaken and the morale of the German people would have broken if the American troops had been more promptly dispatched to France. He estimated the economic of what happened when the American forces did arrive that victory could have been achieved by July, 1918, if the tonnage had been preserved.

CITIES' NEED IS BUSINESS MEN

Speaking at the noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today at the Stratford W. L. Pollard, field editor of the Press-Scout Economic, pointed out the great need of business men in the governing departments of a city administration.

Mr. Pollard, who has just completed an extended trip in several different parts of the country, spoke at some length on the activities of the various Fair Price committees in different places and the mistakes made by many of them.

Mr. Pollard described labor conditions in several parts of the country and devoted some time to consideration of the Jones, Kenyon and Siegel bills now in committee in Washington.

KILLED ON WAY TO GET LIQUOR

New Castle, Pa., March 10.—Emil Hadassy of Girard, Ohio, was murdered and robbed of \$2,000 in a taxicab while on his way to this place last night. The victim was a member of the Alexander Ross, driver of the taxicab, also was robbed of \$200, according to the story told to the police by Ross.

Hadassy, according to the police, met two men in Youngstown, Ohio, and arranged with them for the purchase of the liquor. They engaged Ross to drive them to this place but when five miles away one of the men, according to Ross, shot Hadassy, took the money from his pockets and threw the body into a snow drift.

The men then robbed Ross and ordered him to drive them to Bessemer. This he did. Then he told the police Hadassy's body was found this morning. Ross was detained by the police pending an investigation.

STRANGERS JOSTLE STRATUS AND HE MISSES \$485 ROLL

Nicholas Stratus of Milford, reported to the police last night, that while boarding a train in the local railroad station about 7 o'clock he was jostled by some strangers who removed \$485 from his hip pocket. Stratus drew the money from a New London bank yesterday afternoon, and came to Bridgeport for the purpose of getting a local train back to Milford. He got in a jam while getting on the car, and in the mix-up someone relieved him of his hard-earned cash. The money was in \$10 and \$20 bills for the most part.

MONEY IN BANKS GARNISHEED IN \$2,500 ACTION

Money deposited in Danbury and Bethel banks in the name of the Fairbury Hat Co. has been garnished in a suit for \$2,500 damages started by Nathan Rosen of New York City. The suit is returnable to the April term of court. The Fairbury Hat Co. is located in Bethel.

BETTER RATES ON DEMAND BILLS